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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to an Office Action Restriction Requirement dated January 7, 2004, Applicants elect Group II, claims 27-32.

Respectfully submitted,

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